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## **KANSAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Shawnee Mission, Kan., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to passing counterfeit \$20 bills.

**Matthew D. Montgomery**, 31, of Shawnee Mission, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to passing counterfeit bills.

**Montgomery** admitted that on Oct. 26, 2002, he attempted to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill at LaMonia Restaurant, 3600 St. John in Kansas City, Mo. The restaurant's employees realized the bill was counterfeit, Graves said, and contacted the police. **Montgomery** then fled from the restaurant and was arrested after a brief chase.

Police officers found seven more counterfeit \$20 bills in **Montgomery's** possession. Using the serial numbers of the counterfeit bills, Graves said, law enforcement officers have linked Montgomery to a total of \$5,480 in counterfeit currency.

Under federal statutes, **Montgomery** could be subject to a sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Curt Bohling. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service.

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